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Veterans Office Moves to Mt. Sterling

Penny Rhodes serves Mason, Robertson, Fleming, Nicholas, Bath, Rowan, Montgomery, Menifee, Powell and Estill Counties

(FRANKFORT, Oct. 18, 2006) The area's Veterans Benefits Field Representative has moved her primary office from Owingsville to Mt. Sterling.

Penny Rhodes will be helping veterans in the same 10-county region she has been serving: Mason, Robertson, Fleming, Nicholas, Bath, Rowan, Montgomery, Menifee, Powell and Estill Counties. Her new main office will be in the Montgomery County Courthouse Annex in Mt. Sterling, phone (859) 497-6444, toll-free (866) 376-0308, fax (859) 497-6445.

Rhodes will be available to help veterans with benefits in each county on the following schedule:

- Montgomery County: Every Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m at the Montgomery County Courthouse Annex in Mt. Sterling. Call for an appointment.
- Mason County: 4th Tuesday of every month from 9:30 a.m. to noon at One Stop Shop, 201 Government St. in Maysville.
- Robertson County: 4th Tuesday of every month from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Robertson County Courthouse in Mt. Olivet.
- Fleming County: 1st Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon at the Fleming County Courthouse in Flemingsburg.
- Nicholas County: 3rd Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse in Carlisle.
- Bath County: 3rd Monday of every month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Bath County Courthouse Annex in Owingsville.
- Rowan County: 2nd Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon at the Gateway Career Center, 126 Bradley Ave. in Morehead.
- Menifee County: 4th Monday of every month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Menifee County Courthouse Annex in Frenchburg.
- Powell County: 1st Thursday of every month from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Powell County Courthouse in Stanton.
- Estill County: 1st Thursday of every month from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory in Ravenna.

Veterans Benefits Field Representatives are the heart of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs' field operation. These dedicated men and women, most of whom are veterans themselves, provide benefits counseling, advice and assistance to Kentucky's veterans. Each field representative receives the professional training in veterans benefits required to competently assist veterans, their families and survivors.

Veterans Benefits Field Representatives maintain regular and published office hours at a designated location in each county, which they visit at least once a month. They maintain close liaison with County Judge-Executives, Mayors, local veterans' organizations, other state and local agencies and local media who may be in contact with veterans who require assistance.

Rhodes, the daughter of a Korean War Veteran, has been a Veterans Benefits Field Representative for six years.